

Woodland Avenue Car Barn
Woodland Avenue and 49th Street,
northwest corner
Philadelphia.
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Philadelphia	TOWN OR VICINITY Philadelphia
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Woodland Avenue Car Barn		HABS NO. PA-1956
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Woodland Avenue and 49th Street, northwest corner		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1897 (architectural plans)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) E.J. Dougherty (architectural plans)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Erected in 1897, the Woodland Avenue Car Barn was built and continues to serve as a depot where streetcars are stored, washed, serviced and dispatched for service to southwest, west and center city Philadelphia.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Steel girder truss structural system; corrugated iron roofing; red brick exterior walls		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular; 445'x205'; one story		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Exterior walls are brick on a stone foundation; wall surface is broken by laying bricks in recessed panels with corbeling at top; double gable roof is broken by clerestories		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) A brick wall separates the building into two bays having open front and rear elevations for streetcar ingress and egress.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Documentation of past alterations is not available.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The building is in generally deteriorated condition with spalling and missing bricks. Front and side walls are separating.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Structure is to be replaced with a new maintenance facility. Demolition is planned for late April 1982. Documentation was prepared in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Plans by E.J. Dougherty, Architect; site visits by Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) representatives.		
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